1 the radio dial started to reflect that. 2 Please granting licenses stop to give low 3 translators, power FMradio stations 4 precedence over the translators, and bring the people, 5 people like us, back to the airwaves. 6 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. 7 (Applause and cheering.) 8 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Mica Alaniz. 9 My name is Michaela MS. ALANIZ: Yes. Hi. I was born in Chicago and spent much of my 10 11 life in a Hispanic neighborhood of Pilsen. But I have worked for the last four years in Rogers Park, working 12 13 marketing, promotions, and production at WLUW 88.7 FM, listener supported community radio. 14 I have learned more during my time at WLUW 15 16 than countless classes degree and a at 17 University could ever have taught me. I was given the 18 chance to build a career before the age of 21 making contacts in independent music among local independent 19 music venues, record labels, record stores, 20 21 publications, and promoters. This is work that I would never 22 predicted I would dedicate my life to. But I have. 23 Independent music has become my passion and I have 24

community radio to thank for that, because community

radio accepts and welcomes people without regard to education, experience and skill, but only ask for energy, enthusiasm, and a willingness to work to have your voice heard. Despite my age, I was allowed to help lend a voice to something that I cared about deeply, my Chicago.

In just a few short months, WLUW, as we know, and love, and have worked for it will no longer exist, and with it, one of Chicago's last bastions for independent, diverse, and community voices on the airwaves in Chicago. And I would hate to think that I was the last young Chicagoan to know firsthand the value of community radio. And it would be even more of a shame to believe that young, native born urban dwellers, who love the city they live in, would be denied community radio's amazing opportunities.

I ask you to give precedence to low power FM stations over translators in urban areas, and to give your attention to organizations like the Chicago Independent Radio Project and their goals, over large companies that know nothing of what it is like to work in, live in, be from, and love Chicago.

MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

(Applause and cheering.)

MODERATOR SIGALOS: Paul McKinley?

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MR. McKINLEY: Yes. My name is Paul McKinley. We have an organization called Voices of the Ex-Offenders. I'd like to say that NBC, ABC, CBS, what they do on -- with the news as far as stereotype, and specifically in the last five shootings between the month of August and the month of September, when the Chicago police shot three men in the back, tasered one man to death, and choked another man to death.

All -- each time the media -- and I was out there and I have documentation where I filmed the questions that they were asking the public, such as, Was he with drugs? Isn't he a known gang member? Doesn't his momma get high? Things -- racist things like this. black reporters was asking this also. So let's be clear that black races is on these same stations with them, because they perpetuate the same system.

But really what I want to say to you people up here on this Board right here is this, what they're really doing is ethnic cleansing. But it's more than ethnic cleansing, it is called ethnic poisoning. When a larger group, or a larger ethnic group participates in putting a negative and a hateful image of black folks out, or any ethnic group, because that's what happened to the Jewish people in Germany, when they

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1	was putting it out there.
2	So by you being Jewish, you should have a
3	real disdain, and you should be very clear when
4	they're doing it, because the same stuff they did to
5	your people over there, they're doing it to us over
6	here. So you, more than anybody else, should be upset
7	about it.
8	(Applause.)
9	MR. McKINLEY: And you women too, because
10	they was doing the same stereotypic images of you.
11	And you all should say something about it. But I
12	don't think you all are going to do nothing about it
13	because especially you other three guys. I don't
14	think you all are going to say nothing. I think
15	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.
16	MR. McKINLEY: it's going to stay the
17	same thing.
18	And why I only got three minutes and them
19	other
20	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.
21	MR. McKINLEY: people that you had had
22	five minutes. Why did they have
23	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.
24	MR. McKINLEY: five minutes? What was
25	special about them?

1	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.
2	(Applause.)
3	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Yolton Harbin. Yolton
4	Harbin?
5	MR. HARBIN: Yohon Harbin. Hi. My name is
6	Yohon. I'm an independent record producer here in
7	Chicago. And to the Commissioners, we need your help.
8	First of all, this localism here in
9	Chicago, it's alive and prevalent. I'm having a
LO	problem feeding my family because I chose music as my
L1	livelihood there for the last 10 to 15 years. For
L2	some reason, all of a sudden, there is no talent, no
L3	marketable talent in Chicago. For some reason, that
L4	don't sound right.
L5	There are only out of the Chicago area,
16	in the last five to 15 years, there are only two
L7	artists, two rappers that came out of Chicago.
L8	Something is wrong with that.
19	(Applause.)
20	MR. HARBIN: Local artists can't get their
21	music played over the airwaves for whatever reason.
22	We just can't get our music played. You can do you
23	can if you had Quincey Jones and you had Michael
24	Jackson singing background, and you had Stevie Wonder
25	on your tune, guess what? Your friends will listen to

1 You will never be heard over the air. it. 2 So there's something wrong with that. what makes big business think that it's okay for them 3 to continually do what they're doing? 4 5 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. Thank you very much. 6 7 (Applause.) MODERATOR SIGALOS: Jann Honore. John or 8 Jan Honore? 9 10 (No response.) MODERATOR SIGALOS: Jerry Stermer? 11 12 MR. STERMER: My name is Jerry Stermer. 13 I'm President of Voices for Illinois Children, 14 statewide public interest group. I'm pleased to be hear tonight to share our experiences in working with 15 WGN Television here in Chicago in an important social 16 marketing campaign called Foster Kids Are Our Kids. 17 18 The campaign's purpose is to promote greater engagement among community residents in the 19 lives of foster children. Sixty private child welfare 20 agencies across our state are part of this campaign, 21 and they've joined together to raise awareness of the 22 needs of foster children, as well as the potential for 23 individuals in the community to support children in a 24

variety of ways.

The participating agencies include diverse 1 2 groups such as Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, 3 Youth Outreach Services, CASA Central, and 4 McKinley Community Services. These agencies struggle 5 mightily to generate sufficient support for foster 6 children due to the powerful societal stigma attached 7 to foster care. 8 A steady stream of painful news stories 9 child abuse, child neglect, and inadequate 10 foster care have contributed harmful stigmas 11 negative stereotypes in the minds of too many of us. 12 Research has confirmed that these negative perceptions 13 about foster care are blocking many community 14 residents from coming forward to serve as foster 15 parents, adoptive parents, or to help in other ways. As part of campaign's mission of fighting 16 destructive stigmas, we produced a television spot 17 18 called Don't Write Me Off. In it, foster children of diverse ages and backgrounds present a powerful case 19 to viewers. And WGN Television --20 21 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. -- has joined our campaign 22 MR. STERMER: 23 with a --MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much. 24 MR. STERMER: Did we just do it --25

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1	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.
2	MR. STERMER: for one minute now, or
3	two? Okay.
4	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you
5	MR. STERMER: Thank you
6	MODERATOR SIGALOS: very much.
7	MR. STERMER: very much.
8	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.
9	(Applause.)
10	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Before I call our next
11	speaker, would the Reverend Janette Wilson, Willie
12	Wilson, Barbara Abrajuno, Gwen Walters-Bingue, Tari
13	Marshall, Alex Seith, Tasha Ransom, Heather Kash, and
14	Irene Cualoping please come down?
15	Mark Denzer.
16	MR. DENZEN: Thank you, Commissioners. My
17	name is Mark Denzen, and I'm with the Muscular
18	Dystrophy Association. Television has few traditions
19	as strongly ingrained in its history as the MDA Labor
20	Day Telethon. For over 42 years, the
21	telethon has been broadcast as a message of hope for
22	millions of Americans and their families dealing with
23	devastating neuromuscular diseases. The nation's
24	biggest and most successful televised fundraiser, the
25	telethon is an American tradition that continues to

bring families and friends together each Labor Day to watch this unique philanthropic programming.

The Telethon combines great entertainment with heartwarming personal stories and education on the extensive medical services and research programs that are due because of the donations created by the generosity of Americans who view the telethon and call in to pledge their support each year.

With year's broadcast, MDA will next it's 30th year anniversary with WGN love network partner here Television, as our I'm here today because I have the great Chicago. privilege to have collaborated with the management and production teams at WGN, and can say without reservation that there's stronger supporting no partner that WGN, and our success in fundraising is directly related to their understanding and desire to be a good community partner.

The community service that WGN provides transcends more than their on air commitment. round they extend many opportunities to support our organizations and other non-profits within the Chicagoland community by airing public announcements, news stories, and specialty features, helping in ways that are unquantifiable but no less

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important to our mission.

WGN has supported the MDA and our cause beyond the public view. And because of their interest in our cause, and that of other organizations working to help and serve Chicagoland, I support WGN, its ownership, for their commitment to being a great corporate citizen. Thank you so much for this opportunity.

MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

Reverend Janette Wilson.

REVEREND WILSON: Good evening. I am the host of the International -- and Executive Producer of the International Sunday School Broadcast, a religious program that airs currently on the Continent of Africa, North America, and throughout the United States, and in the Philippines.

One of the problems that we've noticed, as we read a study published by the Northwestern Media Management Center, is that now that you've consolidated the media into a few conglomerates, we find that in the news, for example, the stations are more similar than they are different. They lead the news with crime, and violence, and very few stories that are positive and are community related.

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1 all news stories are about crime, fire, and accidents, 2 very few stories about business, real estate, health 3 issues, education, and positive images that will 4 impact our children. There are very few faith, value-5 based programs on the air. And as I look at the 6 composition of even this panel, it indicates that you 7 reflect the diversity that exists within America. And that --8 9 (Applause.) 10 REVEREND WILSON: -- is a major problem for 11 me, for you to even conduct a hearing -- and we're 12 glad you're on the south side, but you don't reflect 13 the people that view the media, and fail to control 14 it. African-Americans are one of the largest 15 consumers of media images, both radio and television, 16 17 than any other ethnic group, yet we control less, we don't control the assessment of it, what airs on it. 18 And so we would recommend that you figure 19 out a way to allocate more programming to the African-20 21 American and other ethnic communities just like you 22 gave it to these five conglomerates that now control 23 most of the majority media. Thank you very much. MODERATOR SIGALOS:

(Applause.)

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Thank you.

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MODERATOR SIGALOS: Willie Wilson.

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DR. WILSON: Let me first say this here, thank God for His amazing grace.

I'm Dr. Willie Wilson. I am the CEO of Omar Medical Supplies. I have an office in University Park, and also an office in Shanghai, China as well. But what I'm here tonight to talk about is I also have TV show called Singsation, and it is a gospel entertainment show. Now, I have to compliment WGN, because this is its 21st year on national TV, and international WGN, for keeping it on air that long. Most TV stations moved away from gospel music. gospel music is a type of music who goes hospitals and goes into different people's homes who are not associated with churches sometimes, and it gives a chance to help save souls. I just want to compliment WAN for letting me be on the air for 21 years.

And not only that, six months ago, I have prostate cancer. In order for me to make up mind which way I wanted to go and have a operation, WGN did a story on prostate cancer, how do you -- different techniques you do it. And prostate cancer kills African-Americans like three to one or four to one.

But WGN put that on air, which is dear to

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1	my heart, since I'm a survivor of prostate cancer, and
2	made sure that they showed it, allowed Bob Jordan to
3	come and do another commercial for us so that we can
4	air that on national TV.
5	I respect that, and I wanted to let
6	everybody know about that, and thank God for WGN
7	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.
8	DR. WILSON: for taking that stand to
9	help the African-American community, and other
10	communities.
11	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.
12	DR. WILSON: Thank you.
13	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.
14	(Applause.)
15	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Barbara Abrajuno?
16	Barbara?
17	(No response.)
18	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Gwen Walters?
19	MS. WALTERS-BINGUE: Thank you. To the
20	Chairman and Commissioners of the FCC, I thank you for
21	an opportunity to speak with you. I am here on behalf
22	of the students, staff, and parents of D.S. Wentworth
23	Elementary School.
24	We want you to know how important the
25	public airwaves to us, specifically through WGN and
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John Williams' broadcast, which has supported our students over the last seven years.

One of the first supports to Wentworth School was over the public airwaves, and it was through WGN Radio. This venue opened up to people who would otherwise never have had a communication, a means to connect, specifically to the children in our community. The listeners of WGN Radio and our students have been connecting over the last seven years.

These listeners have contributed to our students' school supplies, books, coats, warm clothing, computers, printers, school uniforms, just an abundance. It is the hearts really of the WGN listeners that have been activated through the freedom that WGN Radio has given to broadcasters that have helped us and continue to do so.

The button that I am wearing says Fair Rules, Local Results. Our local radio station in Chicago, WGN, has given through the genuine kindness and compassion of local broadcasters to the children, parents, and staff of my school, which is located in the Englewood community. Not because they have to, but because they want to. It has seriously helped to bridge the gap and connect the community.

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1 I seriously doubt if a large monopoly would 2 care about our city or our children --3 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. 4 MS. WALTERS-BINGUE: -- however. am5 asking you to please do so. Thank you. 6 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much. 7 (Applause.) 8 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Tari Marshall. 9 MS. MARSHALL: Good evening. I'm Tari 10 Marshall. I'm Director of Communications Information Resources for Prevention First. 11 We are Illinois' only non-profit 12 free resource center 13 specifically addressing drug prevention issues Illinois, and related issues such as violence, teen 14 15 pregnancy, and academic failure. 16 I've worked with non-profit organizations 17 in Illinois for many years, and I'm here to talk about my own experience with media, particularly here in 18 19 Chicago. We have more than 30 years of research that 20 demonstrates what works in drug prevention. One very important aspect of our efforts to stop drug use 21 22 before it starts, is public awareness and education. 23 And local media are critical to that outreach and 24 about our local issues.

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could give many examples about

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Chicago radio and television stations have helped us get those messages out, but I only have time for one.

FOX Chicago has not only been receptive to our requests to air our partnership for drug-free Illinois public service announcements, including using our PSAs on their website, but its staff has sought us out to provide them with information and assistance in their efforts to address community needs and issues.

When we needed assistance reaching out to the community about fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, FOX News Chicago aired a report about this health threat that is 100 percent preventable. They provided additional outreach by posting information about this issue on their website. Not long after that they aired another story about the rising incidence of marijuana addiction and have initiated contacted with me on a number of occasions about drug issues that they've hear about that are even new to me.

However, I think their most commendable effort is the creation of the Community Advisory Committee, of which I am a member, and they provide us with opportunity to express our opinions about their work as it relates to our needs in the community.

The station has also supported our fundraising efforts through on air promotions and

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1	sponsorship. I've been invited to appear on many
2	public affairs shows to talk about what we can do in
3	our community to keep children and teens healthy and
4	drug free. As the Illinois affiliate for the
5	Partnership for a Drug Free
6	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.
7	MS. MARSHALL: America, we pursue this
8	concept of partnership. Thank you.
9	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.
10	(Applause.)
11	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Alex Seith.
12	MS. GARDNER: Good evening. My name is
13	Elizabeth Gardner
14	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Excuse me. I'm calling
15	Alex Seith.
16	MS. GARDNER: I'm speaking on behalf of
17	Alex Seith.
18	MR. SEITH: No, I'm here.
19	MODERATOR SIGALOS: He's right there.
20	Okay. Thank you.
21	Alex, go ahead, please.
22	MR. SEITH: Thank you. FOX News Chicago is
23	like blood. It's news about Chicagoland, which is
24	Chicago metro area. News and its aspects, the big
25	picture and snapshots of the various communities,

whose people make up Chicagoland.

My perspective comes from some experience.

I did commentary for seven years on ABC Chicago. I
was principal owner and CEO of three radio stations in
Northeastern Illinois which focused on local news. We
also owned two news only radio networks, 105
affiliates in Illinois and Wisconsin.

For the past year, I've had the honor and pleasure of serving on the Community Advisory Board of FOX News Chicago. All the Chicago stations try to serve the community, but FOX General Manager, Pat Mullen, and News Director, Andrew Finlayson, do more. They don't just go through the motions of asking for suggestions. They promptly turn the best into news that people want to watch.

To take a few, about how our local high school, a suburban, is teaching students the building trades by personally building houses from the ground up. It includes a large number of African-Americans whose fathers and grandfathers have been locked out of the building trades.

How Chicago is competing to host the 2016 Olympics, and how it's a legacy can improve communities in Chicagoland; how brownouts and floods affect different communities differently, and what can

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1 be done to prevent these local disasters. 2 Then there's sports. Chicago fans They want sportscasters who are just as 3 passionate. 4 passionate and provide top notch coverage of ìts 5 games, end up analysis, insides from the inside. All 6 stations try, none does it better than FOX. 7 Pat Mullen and Andrew Finlayson know the 8 edifice of news must be built on a foundation of good 9 writing, which they magnificently enhance with 10 excellent reporters, excellent anchors, great graphics, great visuals, all with a single purpose, 11 12 news that clear, concise, interesting, relevant, and 13 informative. To me that's what community service is 14 all about. 15 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you. 16 (Applause.) 17 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Tasha Ransom? 18 MS. RANSOM: Good evening. My name 19 Tasha Ransom, and I am representing WFLD, FOX 32. 20 I want to read into the record information 21 from the FBI's website recognizing how a segment of 22 our news, Chicago's Most Wanted, helps catch criminals in the Chicago area. 23 "The FBI has agreed to provide the station 24 25 one FBI fugitive a week for a regular Saturday evening 1 br
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broadcast. has The segment become one of the station's most popular, and thanks to the public, has helped capture a dozen dangerous suspects. crime is up in Chicago, we've had a record number of bank robberies the past two years. With more of our agents focused on terrorism since 9/11. partnership is a great way for us to do more with less", explains the Chicago media representative of the FBI, Ross Rice.

"Local banks have been robbed, from everyone from a 79 year old woman using a toy gun to the Hard Hat Bandit who wears a yellow construction hat to the Wheaton Bandit who is well armed and thought to have military or law enforcement training", Rice says.

"Catching criminals by combining the reach and power of the media with the watchful eyes of concerned citizens is a formula that has worked for decades, including through our Ten Most Wanted fugitive program launched in 1950. In 2006, national local publicity led to the capture of 1900 FBI fugitives, including five through this website.

"What Chicago has done is localized the initiative in bringing fugitives of the Windy City not only to area citizens, but also to audiences across

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the nation, and even around the world through the 1 2 television website. Several fugitives were found on 3 the East Coast, and one was caught in Southeastern 4 Europe." Thank you. MODERATOR SIGALOS: 5 Thank you. 6 (Applause.) 7 MODERATOR SIGALOS: Heather Kash? 8 MS. KASH: Hi. I'm Heather Kash, Director 9 of Corporate Relations for the St. Baldrick's 10 Foundation, which is dedicated to raising awareness 11 and funds to support pediatric cancer research through 12 worldwide head shaving events. 13 We receive event day coverage from every 14 local TV market, and the support of the Chicago media 15 has helped Northern Illinois become one of the largest 16 regions in the country with more participants than any 17 other locale and raising more than \$1.6 million in 2007 alone, 12-1/2 percent of the 12.6 million raised 18 19 nationally this year. 20 As an example, in 2007 Patrick Elwood of 21 FOX News challenged local high school students to join 22 the crusade, dedicating more than 20 separate segments 23 period months. a of three FOX's coverage 24 included visits to local hospitals, involving local sports celebrities in the cause, and introducing these 25

students and all of Chicago to the children who benefit from the research we support.

Patrick's coverage has not only taught Chicago about the St. Baldrick's Foundation, but has taught our children the importance of giving of themselves to benefit those in need, and empowering them to make a difference in the fight against pediatric cancer, which is the number one disease children -- of kids. Not only did Patrick inspire almost 1200 students to participate in this event, but he joined them in shaving his head, and together they raised almost \$300,000.

FOX's 2007 coverage of St. Baldrick's has inspired other school districts across the country to adopt similar plans for 2008. The local Chicago media has been ground breaking in helping to get the word out before events take place. With the coverage we receive, helping to motivate a threefold increase in both the number of participants, and donations received between 2005 and 2007, without any purchased media, or advertising.

Chicago's local media has done a tremendous job of giving a voice to the children and families affected by this devastating disease. Thank you.

MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.

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Would Elizabeth Gardner, Carmenza Millan,
Louise Gutierrez, Karen Volkman, Julie Brown, Tammy
Basile, Mike Laughlin, John Williams, Donna Long, and
Leah Ray please come to the nearest microphone.

Irene Cualoping?

MS. CUALOPING: Good evening. Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, and McDowell.

I'm Irene Cualoping. I'm Managing Partner of Eneri Communications in Chicago.

Eneri is the Midwest's only Asian Pacific

American owned and operated advertising and public

relations agency of its type. Our practice has a

special emphasis on the multi-cultural arena.

Previous to founding Eneri in the Millennium, I worked in public service as Head of the

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Executive Director of the Business Enterprise Program 1 for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities, 2 3 and as Executive Director of the Illinois Human Rights 4 Commission. 5 Chicago is a talking town, and there's so 6 many people in this room tonight. I know I'm number 7 52, and I heard there's 156. I know there's a lot of you that have a lot to say, so let me get right to the 8 point. 10 Please do not pass these rules. that the FCC is considering revising long standing 11 rules to media ownership that would greatly loosen up 12 the existing ones. We are for localism, competition, diversity, minority ownership, and community event We are against passage of these rules. coverage. I speak tonight drawing upon experiences --(Applause.) MS. CUALOPING: in the public -private sectors, in the community, communications arena, at work, at home, at play. example, at WFLD-TV and WPWR-TV, WFLD-TV has been the long time sponsor of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Commemorative Bookmark Project.

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1	organization of Chinese Americans.
2	Over the last decade, over 110,000
3	educational bookmarks have been distributed in the
4	communities, schools, and libraries. Our experience
5	has been that WFLD-TV and WPWR-TV help us to promote
6	localism about what matters the most to us. We have
7	partnership between the stations and various
8	charitable and civic initiatives.
9	Whether it's WLFD-TV's toy drive, back to
10	school supply drive, support of the Quincy Wong
11	Endowment Fund Initiative, station support of the
12	Chinese American Service League, the Midwest's largest
13	and most comprehensive social service agency of its
14	type, which serves over 17,000 clients a year. They
15	are there for us.
16	We work with stations to get public
17	service
18	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.
19	MS. CUALOPING: announcements, coverage,
20	and involvement of media and talent.
21	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you very much.
22	MS. CUALOPING: Thank you so much. Please
23	do to pass these rules.
24	MODERATOR SIGALOS: Thank you.
25	(Applause.)
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